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Organization of the session and administrative matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on Narcotic Drugs held its sixty-first session in Vienna from 12 to 16 March 2018. The Chair of the Commission opened the session.

2. At the 1st meeting, on 12 March 2018, the Commission viewed a video message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations. The Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) made an opening statement. A statement was made by the President of the International Narcotics Control Board. The Commission also viewed a video message from the Director-General of the World Health Organization.

3. Opening statements were made by the representative of Ecuador (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the observer for Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States), the observer for Bangladesh (on behalf of the Group of Asia-Pacific States), the observer for the Plurinational State of Bolivia (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States) and the observer for Bulgaria (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union, as well as Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, the Republic of Moldova, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, San Marino and Ukraine).

4. The Commission held a total of [...] plenary meetings, including [...] meetings of the Committee of the Whole.

B. Attendance

5. The session was attended by representatives of [...] States members of the Commission ([...] were not represented). Also attending were observers for [...] other States Members of the United Nations, as well as non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations. A list of participants is contained in document E/CN.7/2018/INF/2.

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C. Election of officers

6. In section I of its resolution 1999/30, the Economic and Social Council decided that, with effect from the year 2000, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs should, at the end of each session, elect its Bureau for the subsequent session and should encourage it to play an active role in the preparations for the regular as well as the intersessional meetings of the Commission, so as to enable the Commission to provide continuous and effective policy guidance to the drug programme of UNODC.

7. In accordance with that resolution and rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the Commission, at the end of its reconvened sixtieth session, on 8 December 2017, opened its sixty-first session for the sole purpose of electing its Bureau for that session. At that meeting, the Commission elected the Chair, the First Vice-Chair, the Second Vice-Chair and the Rapporteur.

8. On 15 December 2017, the Group of Eastern European States nominated Alena Kupchyna of Belarus for the office of Third Vice-Chair. At its 1st meeting, on 12 March 2018, the Commission elected its Third Vice-Chair.

9. In view of the rotation of offices based on regional distribution, the officers of the Commission at its sixty-first session and their respective regional groups were as follows:

Office	*Regional group*	*Officer*
Chair	Latin American and Caribbean States	Alicia Buenrostro Massieu (Mexico)
First Vice-Chair	African States	Michael Adipo Okoth Oyugi (Kenya)
Second Vice-Chair	Asia-Pacific States	Ayesha Riaz (Pakistan)
Third Vice-Chair	Eastern European States	Alena Kupchyna (Belarus)
Rapporteur	Western European and other States	Wietze Sijtsma (Netherlands)

10. In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/39 and established practice, a group composed of the Chairs of the five regional groups, the Chair of the Group of 77 and China and the representative of or observer for the State holding the Presidency of the European Union assists the Chair of the Commission in dealing with organizational matters. That group, together with the officers, constitutes the extended Bureau foreseen in Council resolution 1991/39.

11. During the sixty-first session of the Commission, the extended Bureau met on [...] March and [...] March 2018 to consider matters related to the organization of work.

D. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

12. At its 1st meeting, on 12 March 2018, the Commission adopted by consensus its provisional agenda and organization of work (E/CN.7/2018/1), pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2017/242. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. General debate.

Operational segment

4. Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions:

   (a) Work of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;

   (b) Directives on policy and budgetary issues for the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;

   (c) Working methods of the Commission;

   (d) Staff composition of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and other related matters.

Normative segment

5. Implementation of the international drug control treaties:

   (a) Changes in the scope of control of substances;

   (b) Challenges and future work of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the World Health Organization in the review of substances for possible scheduling recommendations;

   (c) International Narcotics Control Board;

   (d) International cooperation to ensure the availability of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical and scientific purposes while preventing their diversion;

   (e) Other matters arising from the international drug control treaties.

6. Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem:

   (a) Demand reduction and related measures;

   (b) Supply reduction and related measures;

   (c) Countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation to enhance international cooperation.

7. Follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016, including the seven thematic areas of the outcome document of the special session.

8. Inter-agency cooperation and coordination of efforts in addressing and countering the world drug problem.

9. Recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission.

10. Contributions by the Commission to the work of the Economic and Social Council, in line with General Assembly resolution 68/1, including follow-up to and review and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Preparations for the ministerial segment

11. Preparations for the ministerial segment to be held during the sixty-second session of the Commission, in 2019.

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12. Provisional agenda for the sixty-second session of the Commission.

13. Other business.

14. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its sixty-first session.